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ALL AGREEMENT AND NON-AGREEMENT STATES
STATE LIAISON OFFICERS

NOTIFICATION OF ISSUANCE OF THE SAFETY CULTURE POLICY STATEMENT
BROCHURE (FSME-11-060)

Purpose: To (1) inform all State contacts about the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) issuance of the safety culture policy statement (SCPS) brochure, and (2) request State contacts to respond to NRC with its preference for receiving either hard copy versions of the safety culture brochure or a revisable electronic version.

Background: On June 14, 2011, the final SCPS was published in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 34733). This policy statement describes the Commission's expectations on safety culture and emphasizes the importance the NRC places on the development and maintenance of a positive safety culture for all NRC-regulated activities. The SCPS was transmitted to States and State Liaison Officers via FSME-11-053. As referenced in FSME-11-053, NRC developed a brochure associated with the final SCPS that is intended to aid stakeholders in understanding how the safety culture traits can be viewed in an organization.

Discussion: The SCPS brochure describes the development of the SCPS and provides the definition of nuclear safety culture and the traits of a positive nuclear safety culture. The SCPS brochure has been published as NUREG/BR-0500. The SCPS brochure is available in a full color version and a printer-friendly version on NRC's safety culture web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/safety-culture.html>.

NRC is offering to provide hard copy versions of the SCPS brochure, if desired, for distribution to individuals and organizations performing or overseeing regulated activities. States who wish to receive hard copy SCPS brochures should contact the individual named below and provide the number of brochures for NRC to distribute to its State.

NRC is also offering to provide a revisable electronic version of the SCPS brochure for States who wish to customize NRC's SCPS brochure to its individual needs. States who wish to receive a revisable electronic version of the SCPS brochure should contact the individual named below.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at (301) 415-7278 or the individual named below.

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